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THE FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND AS REQUESTED REE:

A IDEA TO HAVE EEEEEE VOLUNTARILY DECLARE TO REMAIN IN

WEST EVOLVED IN MIND OF ALIAS ACKERMANN, WHO IS CREDITED BY CATUSK WITH CONCOCTING ENTIRE SCHEME. ACKERMANN HAD HUNCH THAT FELFE (ON BASIS INCENTIVES, PRINCIPALLY GREED FOR MONEY, DESCRIBED PARA 2 C 8990) WOULD BE RECEPTIVE.

B. ACKERMANN SUGGESTED SENDING PSYCHIATRIST TO TALK WITH FELFE. PSYCHIATRIST FOR 20 YEARS HAD BEEN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE OF ACKERMANN, WHO CALLED UPON HIM FOR ASSISTANCE ON AD HOC BASIS, USUALLY IN CONNECTION WITH PERSONS WORKING FOR ACKERMANN OR OTHER CATUSKERS.

C. PSYCHIATRIST TALKED WITH FELFE ON WEEK END OF 18/19
JAN. GAINED IMPRESSION PSYCHIATRIST MAY HAVE TALKED WITH
FELFE PREVIOUSLY, NOT NECESSARILY ON SUBJECT PRISONER EXCHANGE.
SWITCH.

D. PRISON AUTHORITIES WERE NOT CONSULTED AS TO FELFE'S

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SUSCEPTIBILITY. PSYCHIATRIST APPROACH WAS DESCRIBED AS
INDEPENDENT ^{AND} CLEAN WITH NO PRISON AUTHORITIES WITTING.

E. SINCE DISCUSSION IN CELL COUCHE D IN TERMS OF
PUBLISHING "THE FELFE STORY," THIS UNDOUBTEDLY INCLUDED UNDER-
STANDING THAT FELFE WOULD TALK OPENLY ABOUT HIS RIS ACTIVITIES.

F. C FIRST DISCUSSED PLAN WITH C AT 1530 HOURS
20 JAN. CABLE WAS IMMEDIATELY SENT TO C

C CHANNEL, WITH HIGHLIGHTS FOR COS AND REQUEST BY
C FOR MEET WITH C IN C AFTERNOON 21 JAN AT WHICH
TIME C WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND AS DESIRED.

AFTER MEET, C SENT C 8990 TO HQS WHICH INCORPORATED
C BELIEVE CATUSK HAD NOT FULLY
FORMULATED PLAN PRIOR WEEK END 18/19 JAN, AND THAT BEFORE THAT
TIME PLAN EXISTED ONLY IN ACKERMANN'S MIND. ACKERMANN KNOWN TO BE
MAVERICK AT TIMES AND IT WOULD NOT SEEM INCONSISTENT FOR HIM TO
WORK OUT SUCH A SCHEME FAIRLY INDEPENDENTLY AND SURFACE IT ONLY
WHEN HE FELT HE HAD STRONGLY CONVINCING CASE TO PRESENT.

G. RECOGNIZE FELFE EXCHANGE HAS BEEN IN FOREFRONT FOR
SOME TIME AND A COMMON TOPIC BETWEEN OUR TWO SERVICES. NEVERTHELESS,

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NO PRIOR HINT OF ACKERMANN PLAN WAS DISCERNIBLE TO BASE PERSONNEL,
PROBABLY BECAUSE OF ACKERMANN'S PERSONAL MODUS OPERANDI MENTIONED
ABOVE.

2. REGRET WE CANNOT BE MORE ENLIGHTENING AT THIS TIME. SUBJECT
HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH CATUSK SINCE WOFIRM STATEMENT OF POSITION
PASSED TO THEM. AS WOFIRM REJECTED SCHEME SO QUICKLY AND TIME
OF ESSENCE, WE WERE NATURALLY CUT OFF FROM FURTHER PROBING.
PERHAPS PRESENTATION OF LETTER FROM TO REFERRED
TO IN EGMW 16101 WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO GO INTO REF QUESTIONS
AND OTHERS. AT PRESENT, HOWEVER, SON BASIS CATUSK CAVEAT (PARA 5
 S166), WE HAVE NATURALLY REFRAINED FROM PURSUING CASE.
IF LETTER DOES NOT LEAD TO OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE REF
POINTS, MAY STILL BE ABLE ELICIT INFO IN DISCUSSIONS WITH
ALIAS HARTWIG AFTER HE RECOVERS FROM FLU.

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